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SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI :—" What I mean to say is this. A big man is opposed to that. Whether he is right or wrong, that is a different question. But the World Health Organization feels that B.C.G. is good, and it has been in practice for the last 30 years. Even an advanced country like England has adopted it. But, this agitation is going on here. May I know what special steps have the Government taken to see our people do not fear that vaccination? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no sort of opposition, Sir, in other States of India. Everywhere else the campaign is going on quite smoothly and there is good response. The controversy arose in this State after Rajaji began his anti-B.C.G. campaign. I hope, Sir, that in course of time, the doubts and fears of the people will be allayed and good sense will prevail."

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" If it is not a question of fight with the big man, Sir, is it a question of flight—running away from him? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member wants to provoke me to say something."

Location of the proposed new Medical College.

* 367 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer to supplementary question to Legislative Council Question No. 72 answered on 21st December 1954, whether the Government of Madras have come to any decision regarding the place where the new Medical College is to be located?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" May I know whether the Government have come to any decision regarding the location of the proposed Medical College? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Government have not yet come to any decision. Establishing a college means a big investment of about a crore of rupees as non-recurring expenditure. We have included in the Second Five-Year Plan schemes for opening two colleges to produce 150 medical graduates per year and the estimated cost is Rs. 166 lakhs. But, what will happen to the scheme when it is finalised at Delhi, I cannot say. The Central Government will examine the needs of each State with regard to medical education and approve of the scheme of starting colleges only where they think it is necessary."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" What had happened to the report submitted by the Committee headed by our Leader of the Opposition and wherein our Chairman was also a member? "

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11-10 a.m. THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That report is under our consideration."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" Are the Government expecting any substantial financial aid from the Central Government for their proposal to start more medical colleges? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Government expect financial assistance from the Centre."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of opening medical schools instead of colleges? In view of the fact that we are in need of a large number of medical practitioners, cannot something like a condensed course be started in place of the present M.B.B.S. course? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The medical profession in general is opposed to this idea of starting medical schools. They want one uniform standard of medical education throughout the country. Even though our ex-Chief Minister Rajaji was in favour of starting medical schools, he did not muster enough courage to put that idea into execution on account of the opposition fom the medical profession. The hon. Member, Dr. A. Sreenivasan, may do some propaganda in this matter and convert his colleagues to his point of view."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" I am not interested in converting my colleagues, whom I will not be able to convince at all. I am concerned only with one fact, viz., whether the Government, as the custodian of the rights and privileges of the people, will consider the desirability of starting medical schools instead of colleges. That is my submission. The medical profession has got a vested interest and therefore it is very very difficult to convince men, who do not want to be convinced."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Medical schools which were in existence before have all now been converted into medical colleges, except perhaps in Mysore. The Bhore Committee that went into this question has also recommended that we should have one uniform standard of medical education, viz., a degree course extending to five years, which has now been reduced to 4½ years. The Central Council of Health is also in favour of having throughout India one uniform standard of medical education. That is what they have in other countries. The hon. Member who must be well versed on the subject of medical education is presenting here a new proposal."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the Hon. Minister for Finance also, while addressing a meeting, was in favour of a condensed course for medical students? "

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MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The Hon. Minister for Health is not responsible for the opinion expressed by another Hon. Minister."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" I protest against the aspersion cast on me by the Hon. Minister. According to me ' well versed ' is an innuendo. If he does not mean any aspersion, then it is all right."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I think the innuendo is only in the brain of the hon. Member."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" ' Well versed ' is an innuendo. It means something bad."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" If the hon. Member wants to put supplementary questions, he could do so."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Does the uniform standard of medical education referred to by the Hon. Minister include indigenous system of medicine also? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" For the indigenous system of medicine also, we have only one standard of education, viz., 5-year diploma course."

(Both Dr. A. Sreenivasan and Sri T. Purushotham stood up to put questions.)

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I am not running a school."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Is there any proposal for a synthesis of both systems of medicine? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" At the College of Indigenous System of Medicine, they are taught both modern and indigenous systems of medicine. That is in accordance with the recommendation of the Usman Committee, the Chopra Committee and the Pandit Committee."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" My question has gone off the track. May I know whether the demands of the people of Malabar and Tanjore districts for a medical college in their respective districts will be taken into consideration, when a decision is taken by Government? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The demands of all places would be given due consideration wherefrom contributions either in the form of money or land are forthcoming for the starting of a medical college."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" In view of the fact that there is a great dearth of doctors in our State now, and it is too much to acquiesce in the superiority of the graveyard, is it not better to bring in some new idea in the matter of training medical people

to cater to the needs of our poor population, especially because of the unwillingness nowdays of the medical graduates to settle down in village dispensaries? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is not a new idea; it is an old idea that has been discarded."

Death of a hydrocele patient in the General Hospital

* 368 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a person by name Sri S. Ramaswami was admitted into Ward No. 12 of the Madras General Hospital for operation for Hydrocele on Saturday, the 12th March 1955;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that he was taken to the mortuary on Monday, the 28th instant;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the death is reported to be due to complications from operation;

(*d*) if the answer to clause (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government will be pleased to set out *seriatim* the complications referred to;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the death was caused by an infection of Tetanus;

(*f*) if the answer to clause (*e*) is in the affirmative, when the first signs of Tetanus were observed;

(*g*) whether it is a fact that several cases of death due to the infection of Tetanus have occurred in the General Hospital, Madras;

(*h*) whether the Government have instituted any enquiry into the cause thereof and with what result; and

(*i*) whether the infection of Tetanus in the case of Sri S. Ramaswami was due to his own action and if not, whether the Government propose to give any compensation to the members of his family?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" *Clause* (*a*) *to* (*i*) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" What was the operation, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is stated in the question. Perhaps the hon. Member is not aware of his own question."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" The Hon. Minister has stated that the patient developed signs of tetanus. Tetanus means non-infection. Even a healthy man, without any injury, even for a pin-prick may be said to suffer from tetanus. It is called idiopathic tetanus, I have got text books to testify my statement."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 629 infra.